

Sull-E Newsletter



A message from Kathy Smith



Over my first year and four months in office, no topic has inspired more interest in the community than our new Wegmans in Westfields. This week, we broke ground on the Wegmans Grocery store on Westfields Boulevard just east of Route 28.

Since the project was approved in December of 2015, I have worked with the developer and county staff to move this project forward.

The Wegmans development will bring retail and open space amenities with it, which will help transform the Westfields region into a mixed-use core. I am proud of all that our community has accomplished together and look forward to visiting the Wegmans and retail stores when they open in the Spring of 2018! This is just one more way that Western Fairfax continues to be a great place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Kathy

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Reminder!



Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinets

We are now starting the drug take back program at 8:00 a.m. and ending collection at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

On **Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** the Sully District Police Station and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the lobby of 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151.

The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles, or sharps, **ONLY** pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous. No questions asked.

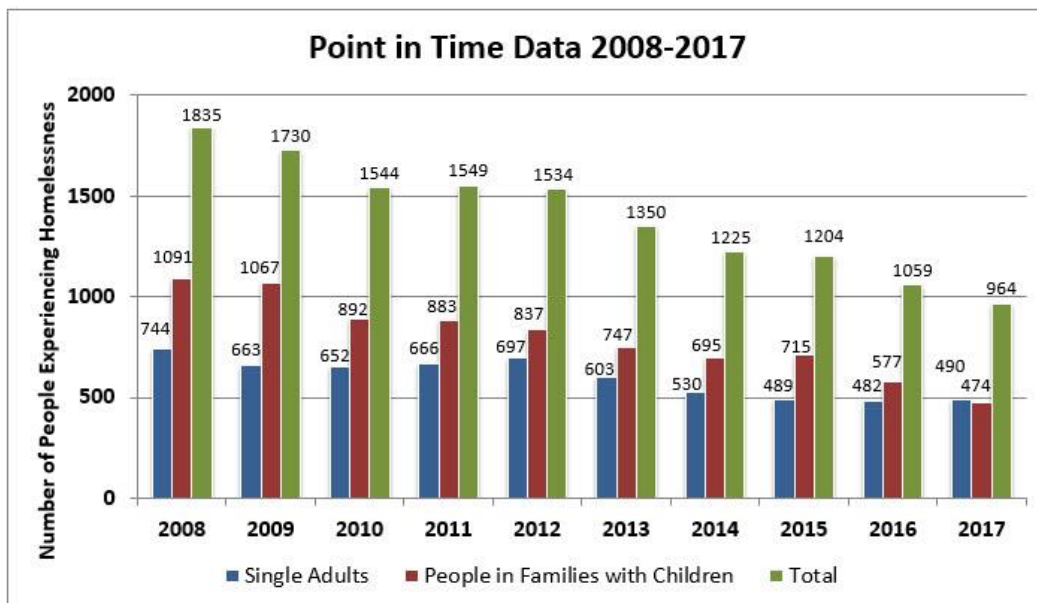
Free Carseat Inspections



Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections **Thursday, April 27, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly.** No appointment is

necessary. Residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That allows inspectors enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

New Homelessness Count: Under 1,000 Milestone is Reached



We have reached a significant milestone in our efforts to decrease the number of people who are homeless in our county! For the first time in the nine years that Fairfax County has been reporting our annual Point In Time Count, less than 1,000 people were reported as being homeless.

On the night of January 25, there were 964 people who were homeless in the Fairfax County and Falls Church area.

- **474** were people in **families**, including **286 children**
- **490** people were **single** individuals, including **155 older adults**, ages 55 and over

Homelessness in our county has decreased 47 percent since 2008. This represents 871 fewer people counted as homeless on one night in January 2017 than on one night in January 2008. The count is made following federal guidelines and covers people who are literally homeless – those who are in shelters, in time-limited transitional housing programs, or unsheltered and living on the street.

[Read 2017 Point in Time Demographics](#)

A Partnership to End Homelessness:

Why are we seeing these decreasing numbers? Contributing reasons include a countywide emphasis on homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing, as well as an unified approach to homeless services with the county's [nonprofit and community partners](#), according to Dean Klein, director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

The Point in Time Count was conducted in coordination with the entire Metro Washington, D.C. region; all the local jurisdictions' (and throughout Virginia) counts were done on January 25. [More information](#) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2016 FCPD Crime Stats Now Available



The 2016 Crime Data for Fairfax County is posted on the county police web site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime/statistics/2016stats.html>

Overall, there was a 2 percent increase in crime in 2016 as compared to 2015. This was due in part to significant increases in narcotics offenses, which saw the largest gains. Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Chief of Police, says, "The mission of the Fairfax County Police Department is to prevent and fight crime through community engagement and information sharing, and it is this partnership that keeps Fairfax County the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United States."

The links on the crime statistics page will allow you to view crime statistics overall and specifically by police districts. We encourage everyone to stay informed and engaged with your police department through their social media accounts which include [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) as well as through their [blog](#).

Here's How to Report Those Pesky Potholes



Potholes.

They are a way of life on the roads especially in the early spring months.

Please report potholes you encounter! Your car will thank you.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) maintains most primary and secondary roads in the county and fixes potholes. You can [look up who maintains every road](#) in the county.

VDOT's new online reporting tool makes it easier to pinpoint exactly where you see a pothole. You can also report potholes directly from your mobile device and include images (**but NOT while driving!).

[Report Potholes to VDOT](#)

You also can call VDOT at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623) to report potholes or to ask who maintains a road.

Potholes on Roads VDOT Does Not Maintain:

VDOT does not maintain all major roads in the area, however. If you see potholes on these roads:

- **Dulles Toll Road**, [contact the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority.](#)
- **GW Parkway**, [contact the National Park Service.](#)
- **Many private roads** are maintained by businesses, apartment/condo complexes, homeowner/civic associations or residents. If you know there is a pothole on a road that is privately maintained, contact your HOA or the business that is responsible.

Community Conversation on Youth Suicide Prevention



The more a community knows about suicide, the better equipped it is to prevent such tragic deaths. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 10 and 24 and results in approximately 4,600 young lives lost each year.

On April 27, you are invited to join the [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board](#) (CSB) and the NEXUS committee for a “community conversation” about youth suicide, including local prevention initiatives and life-saving strategies. NEXUS is a committee of the Advisory Board to the CSB’s Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center.

The event takes place on **Thursday, April 27, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.** at [Fairfax County Public Schools’ Virginia Hills Center](#), 6500 Diana Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310.

You will learn about:

- Youth suicide warning signs
- Evidence-based risk assessments, safety plans and treatment options
- How to access [CSB emergency services](#) and other [behavioral health resources](#)
- [Free, online training courses in youth suicide prevention skills](#)
- [Mental Health First Aid courses](#)
- [Online, confidential mental health assessments](#)

The forum also features a presentation by Lisa M. Horowitz, Ph.D., MPH, of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), on recent evidence-based

research tools for detecting depression and suicidal outcomes among youth.

Tisha Deeghan, Executive Director of the CSB, will facilitate a panel of local experts addressing prevention efforts, youth mental wellness and other local behavioral health initiatives. Panelists include:

- Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, MPH, Director, Fairfax County Health Department
- Lyn Tomlinson, Assistant Deputy Director, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
- Dede Bailer, Ph.D., Coordinator, Psychology Services, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Jesse Ellis, Prevention Manager, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services
- Betty Petersilia, LCSW, Manager, Children's Behavioral Health Systems of Care

Questions? Call 703-324-7006, TTY 711. [RSVP online for the event.](#)

Together, we can help save lives.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call 703-324-7006, TTY 711.

Events at the Workhouse Arts Center



SPRING CLASSES:

Spring classes start soon at the Workhouse Arts Center! Our Spring-Summer catalog is now available and is filled with creative adventures for all ages and skill levels. Whether you're interested in painting or ceramics, drawing or music - even photography, culinary arts, or youth arts camps - there's something at the workhouse that's just right for you!

YOUTH ARTS SUMMER CAMP:

Summer will be here before you know it! Youth Arts Camp at the Workhouse provides unique arts education opportunities for campers - everything from theater to glass, fiber arts to computer game design, and more. Book early as our camps fill up quickly each year!

BEACONS OF PEACE, LOVE, AND STRENGTH:

Artist Martin J. Cervantez is the first Workhouse military veteran artist-in-residence and works extensively with veterans arts programs. He's currently working to transform the remaining guard towers at the Workhouse into dynamic kaleidoscopes that engage not only Workhouse visitors but also commuters along Ox Road near the Workhouse campus.

FREE SECOND SATURDAY ART WALKS:

Whether it is your first visit or your hundredth, our free Second Saturday Art Walk is the perfect time to meet nearly 85 Resident and Arches Gallery Artists creating art in their studios or exhibiting in our galleries. Experience thrilling performances of dance, cabaret, comedy, big band, jazz, and theater. Indulge in classes in the art of mixology or cuisines from around the globe. And enjoy art exhibitions in our galleries of the region's finest sculpture, painting, glass, ceramics, and fiber art works.

THE 39 STEPS:

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have The 39 Steps, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre. This 2-time Tony® and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by ridiculously talented cast of 4), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance. At the Workhouse through **April 23**.

For more information about classes, camps, exhibits, and performances, please visit <http://WorkhouseArts.org>.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Phoebe!

Age: 12 years 5 months

Gender: Female

Color: Brown / Black

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Small

Declawed: Yes

Phoebe is a chatty and social beauty! Ask to meet her in the visiting room, away from the other cats, and she will purr the moment you scratch her head. This front declawed doll enjoys sitting very near to wherever you are just to let you know how wonderful she is. She doesn't mind being held for short periods, but she'll let you know when she is done with a little meow. Phoebe would blossom in a home where she is the only fur star of the

house. To learn more about Phoebe email the animal shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

April is
Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

STOP THE SILENCE®

Walk to
End Sexual
Violence

WALK IN HONOR OF ONE OF THE 275 VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN FAIRFAX COUNTY IN 2016

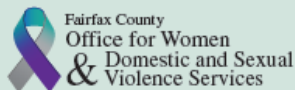
SATURDAY, APRIL 29

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M.
WALK WILL START AT 11 A.M.

VISIT OUR RESOURCE FAIR • MUSIC BY DJ MARIO VENECHI • ZUMBA WITH MARICARMEN
FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER GROUNDS • 12000 GOVERNMENT CENTER PARKWAY, FAIRFAX, VA 22035

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FREE t-shirts to the first 100 to register.
www.surveymonkey.com/r/WalkSAAM2017



For reasonable accommodations contact
703-324-5730; TTY 703-324-5706.

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Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Emergency Response Education

The next available Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class is scheduled to **begin on Monday, April 24 at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy**. There are two sessions each week on Mondays and Wednesdays that run until May 17. The class is 28 hours in length, plus the final practical exercise. The program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. CERT trains county residents in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. By applying to this opportunity, it acts a marker that will allow you to receive the CERT emails and notifications for upcoming classes.

Location:

4100 Chain Bridge Road Suite 7-109

Fairfax, VA 22030

Contact:

Jeffrey Katz

703-246-3926

fire.cert@fairfaxcounty.gov

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cert/>
